

Lenten Bible and Book Study

I invite you to join a six-week study based on Susan Robb's book *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross*. Together, we'll journey through Lent guided by the seven last words of Christ spoken from the cross.

Sometimes we like to hear about the parades during Palm Sunday, and the celebration of Easter, but we may try to avoid the moments of the cross where Jesus shows His love. This study allows us to look at these words with contemplation but also hope.

Each week's session will include an introductory video and a review of the readings from the book. **The study requires weekly reading**, but I hope that this will bring discussion and deepen the exploration of the words of Jesus as we prepare to come together.

Books will be provided free of charge, but registration is required by January 25th to ensure timely delivery. You may register by signing up on the clipboards in the Narthex or by calling the church office at 724-834-3111. Please include your name, phone number, and/or email address.

The study will begin on **Tuesday, February 10**, slightly ahead of Lent to allow for scheduling flexibility and weather considerations. We will meet for six sessions over seven weeks, with options at **10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** each Tuesday. Dates and topics are listed below.

I hope and pray you will consider this opportunity to explore the words of Christ in a fresh and meaningful way.

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| Session One | February 10 | Father, Forgive Them |
| Session Two | February 17 | Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise |
| Session Three | February 24 | My God, My God |
| Session Four | March 3 | Woman, Here Is Your Son |
| Session Five | March 10 | I Am Thirsty |
| Session Six | March 24 | Into Your Hands |
| Session | March 31 | <i>Make Up Session if Needed</i> |



Food Pantry "Truck of the Month"

for 2026...only 4 sponsorships are still available. Stop by the bulletin board in Sanctuary Hall or call the church office at 724-834-3111.

Centering Prayer

MOVES to meet in the prayer room
MONDAY MORNINGS
at 10:00



Questions?
Contact the church office
at 724-834-3111

"Pocket Change for a Purpose"

December TOTAL: \$259.27

benefitting Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Next Collection Date:

January 18th
to benefit

Greensburg Fire Department

**Thank
You!!!**



The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for
Jan./Feb.

is NOW available in the media
media rack in Sanctuary Hall.

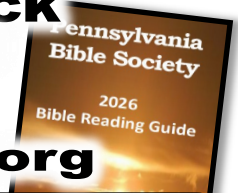
Please help us cover the cost
of providing this resource
with a

\$2 Suggested Donation



Available in
Media Rack
in Sanctuary Hall

PABIBLE.org



This year, dig deeper into the Word of God
with these resources for guided daily scripture
readings and/or short daily devotionals.



**Men/Boys
Prayer
Breakfast**

Saturday, Jan. 10th @ 9:00am

A home-cooked breakfast & time of devotions/prayer.

Please **RSVP** to church office
by **Wednesday, Jan. 7th** at
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org
or 724-834-3111



The Liturgist's pulpit
is empty 2 weeks
every month.



We need your help to add fullness and
richness to our weekly time of worship.
We currently have only 3 regularly-
scheduled liturgists. Please reach out
to Pastor Clint or the church office with
questions or further details.



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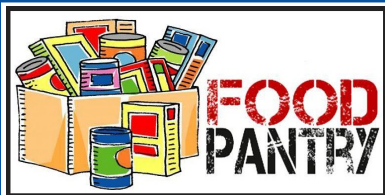
Regular Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

(May change without notice...thank you
for your understanding & patience)



Thursday, Jan. 29th
at 8:30 am (Church Office)

The *Circuit Rider*
Assembly Team meets to
prepare the **February**
monthly newsletter
for mailing.



Next Distribution: (week CHANGE)
Friday, Jan. 16th @ 10:00am

Distribution-Day Instructions

All activity will **STILL** be outside

- Pull in and **PARK** in the lot adjacent to YMCA on S. Maple. There will be designated parking spots for Food Pantry. **Look for volunteers in yellow/green vests for directions.**
- Stay in your car, register with the volunteer that has a computer.
 - Once registered, continue across street, in front of glass doors, and your car will be loaded.

We ask for your patience, as we all work together to make this operation run as smoothly and safely as possible.

Thursday Afternoon “Set-up Team” Jan. 15th

- Arrive 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to help prepare boxes & bags on tables.

Friday Morning “Distribution Team” Jan 16th

- (arrive 8:00 a.m. - or whenever you can - at glass doors on S. Maple)
- We need to unload the truck, pack boxes & bags in Fellowship Hall, & distribute at 10:00.

Truck of the Month



January Gnome
Ski Adventure

Sponsored by
Holly & Jim
Kauffman

SHOP'n SAVE

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide every client with a Shop'n Save gift card for Thanksgiving **AND** Christmas.

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We would not be able to do ANY or ALL of this without our wonderful volunteers! We **THANK YOU**, and we hope to see you again in the new year!



Soup can collection to be distributed on Friday, January 16. During these cold months, we would like to provide canned soup for our 96 clients/families. Please place the cans in the Food Pantry Collection Bins in Sanctuary Hall.

In the event of severe weather (*deep snow or ice*) on Food Bank Friday we will post any cancellations on WPXI, KDKA & WTAE TV stations.

However, school closures take priority
 and Food Bank cancellations may only appear online.

Introducing NEW Communication Cards

To help us update our church records, you will see new Communication Cards in your weekly bulletin (as seen below). Many phone numbers and email addresses in our system are missing or out of date, and these cards will help us reconnect and communicate more effectively.

We'll be using the cards through the end of January.

Please take a moment to fill one out—even if you think we already have your information. Every update helps.

You can complete the card in two ways:

- Fill out the paper card found in your weekly bulletin, or
- Scan the QR code to submit your information online.

Thank you for helping us keep our church directory accurate and up to date. Your participation makes a real difference in how we stay connected as a community.



Welcome!

Today's Date

____/____/____

Your name: _____

Address: _____

☐ 1ST time ☐ Member ☐ Regular Attender

Prayer Request: _____

- ☐ Please add this request to the Bulletin Prayer list
☐ Please add this request to the Email Prayer Chain
☐ Please keep this request **CONFIDENTIAL** with the Pastor

As we continue moving forward together, we know there's always room to grow in how we share and celebrate the life of the church. At First UMC, we're exploring new ways to strengthen communication and make sure important news, events, and opportunities reach everyone.

One challenge we've discovered is that some email addresses and phone numbers are missing or outdated. That's where you come in. We encourage you to take a moment to fill out the back of this form so we can update your information. By doing so, you'll help us build stronger connections and ensure you're always part of the ways God is moving in our church community.

Use this form for each member or your household.
 Use Additional forms if needed.

Name _____

MOBILE Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name _____

MOBILE Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name _____

MOBILE Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name _____

MOBILE Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you have a landline in your home?
 If so, please let us know below.

Updates and Communications



If you would like to complete this form electronically.

Use your phone to scan this QR code.

Greetings in the Name of Christ,

As we move through this season and reflect on God's work among us, we want to share a brief update on our ministry, our challenges, and the opportunities ahead. This year has brought meaningful worship, caring relationships, and faithful service to our community—clear signs of God's faithfulness.

It has also been a year of transition. Leadership changes and shifting responsibilities have stretched us, yet our congregation has responded with resilience, grace, and a shared commitment to move forward together.

Financially, rising costs and ongoing transitions have created challenges. As we plan for 2026, we anticipate a deficit for 2025. Even so, we remain committed to stewarding our resources wisely and strengthening the ministries that shape our life together.

We invite you to consider how you might support the church—through a special gift, reviewing your annual giving, setting up recurring online contributions, or supporting ministries that are meaningful to you.

To help us meet some of those new goals, we are pleased to share that we now have a new online giving platform. This service is completely free for the church.

When you give online, you may notice that the platform asks if you'd like to add a small donation to support their work. **This extra donation is entirely optional.** You are never required to give anything beyond your gift to the church. If you choose to add a dollar or two, that small contribution helps the platform cover its costs so that all nonprofits—including churches around the world—can use their service at no charge. It's a simple way to support ministries far beyond our own congregation. Your generosity sustains our worship, outreach, staff, building, and the new opportunities God continues to place before us. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your partnership in ministry.

You may visit the church website at greensburgfirst.org or scan the QR code to get started. We are excited to see what 2026 will bring!

**Simply Scan
to donate
through Zeffy.com**





as listed in recent
weekly bulletins

Aidan ~ Alex Ankney ~ Becky ~ Brenda B. ~ Jason B. ~ Nancy B. ~ Barbara ~ Bob & Connie Barone ~ Bette ~ Bill ~ Isabel Blackburn ~ Blanche ~ Isabel Bloom ~ Ken Bossart ~ Carol C. ~ Diane C. ~ Becky Chopp ~ Janet Craig ~ Debbie D. ~ Joanie D. ~ Barb Daniel ~ Darlene ~ Doris ~ Emily & Christy ~ Linda F. ~ Joann Flock ~ Larry Flock ~ Rick H. ~ Becky J. ~ Jason ~ Julie ~ Cheryl K. ~ Diane K. ~ Donna K. ~ Eric K. ~ Melanie K. ~ family of Shirley Kahler ~ Katelyn ~ Ken Keiser ~ Kimberly ~ Linda ~ Ed Lint ~ Lori ~ Cha M. ~ Donna M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ Eugene M. ~ Jim M. ~ John M. ~ Ron M. ~ Maria ~ Brian McKinney ~ John Meffe ~ Mel & Maxine ~ Michelle ~ family of Joyce Miscovich ~ baby Molly ~ David Nalevanko ~ Shirley Neill ~ Kathy P. ~ Rick P. ~ Paul ~ Carol Pocratsky ~ Robin ~ Rhonda ~ Robin & John ~ Michael S. ~ Sheree ~ baby Sutton ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Tracey ~ Adam W. ~ Ben W. ~ Jim W. ~ family of James Williams ~ Jack Wilson ~ the Yost family ~ Beth Z. ~ Zacchetti family ~ Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

Prayer Chain Partners



Contact the church office at 724-834-3111 or make note on Sunday on your Welcome Card, to get the prayer chain going...or send an email to churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org

Our Heartfelt Sympathy



to the friends and family of the following members who joined the church Eternal & Triumphant...

Shirley Kahler (December 13, 2025)
James Williams (December 22, 2025)

pChristmas Poinsettias

| In Loving Memory of | Given by | In Loving Memory of | Given by |
|---|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Our Parents: Marge & Leonard Osterman | Carol & Richard Andrews | His Wife & Their Mother: Sue Meadows | Ed, Robin, & Lisa Meadows |
| Regina & Frank Andrews | | Rag Miller, Gladys Mough | Sherry Miller |
| Robert G. Barone | The Barone Family | Dr. & Mrs. Leslie Pierce | Cynthia & Bill Snodgrass |
| Mervin & Barry Vannauker | | Tillan Pierce | |
| Joanne Vannauker-Knorr | | Mary Stillman | Her Family |
| Sandy Marsh | | Evelyn Makarsky | Kerry Thompson |
| Mother/Grandmother, Lynne Abel | The Button Family | and Her Parents: Mr. & Mrs. McDowell | |
| Bob Bloom, Don Bloom, & Mike Medved | Barb Bloom | and My Mother: Mrs. Mary Vahel | |
| Our loved Ones | Carolyn & William Brown | Rev. Robert C. Wilson | Deg, Mary, & David Wilson |
| Edwin & Jean Mason, Chris Dovers | Betty Dovers | | |
| Marjorie Fagert | George Fagert | In Honor of | Given by |
| and Leslie & Nora Fagert | | Carol Barone | Barone Family |
| Robert A. Gaither | Lois & Family | Our Children: Kaitlyn & Joe Lewis | MaryAnn & Rick Hied |
| Dolly Garvin | Nancy & Bill Garvin | Megan & Joe Melcher | |
| James, Cila, & Robert Reese | Pam Hamill | Our Grandchildren: Brady & Evan Lewis | |
| Our Parents: Arlene & Richard Hied | MaryAnn & Rick Hied | Margot, Merriek & Mearine Melcher | |
| Anna Mary & Truman Fisher | | Isabel Bloom and Dorothy Medved | Barb Bloom |
| My Siblings: Amanda Burgbecher | MaryAnn Hied | | |
| & Leanne Fisher | | | |
| William R. Hughes, Jr. | Ruth Hughes | | |
| His Parents: Hazel & Bernice Meadows | Ed Meadows | | |

Let's be safe...Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

Weekday office hours & activity cancellations...If Greensburg Salem school district has a 2-hour delay or cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be delayed or cancelled.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | <div>1</div> <div>2</div> <div>3</div> <div> church & Office CLOSED Happy New Year! </div> | | |
| 4 Communion 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chimes Practice (Chapel) 9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3 rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary) | 5 10:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6:30pm Board of Trustees (Trustee Room) | 6  | 7  | 8 10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge) 6pm Chancel Chanters Practice (Sanctuary) 6:30 Bells Practice (Chapel) 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge) 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room) | 9 Food Pantry MOVED to Jan. 16 th  | 10 9:00am Fella•Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) |
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| 18 "Pocket Change for a Purpose" 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chimes (Chapel) 9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3 rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary) | 19 10:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) <div> Church Office closes at 12 noon in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day </div> 6:00pm Healing Hearts (Lounge) 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) | 20 | 21 6:00pm Finance & Stewardship (Library) | 22 10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge) 1:30pm Food Pantry Set-Up (Fellowship Hall) 6pm Chancel Chanters 6:30 Bells 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge) 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 23 | 24 |
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|  <div>January 2026</div> | | | | | | |



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